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SUBJECT: US PROFESSOR PROGRAM-GRANTEE PAULA A ROARK -

GRANT RENEWAL REQUEST

REF: A) STATE 176014 B) GRANT AUTHORIZATION NO 550249 - A AND B

- 1. POST REQUESTS AND STRONGLY ENDORSES RENEWAL ROARK GRANT FOR PERIOD OCT 15, 1976-JUNE 15, 1977 (EIGHT MONTHS). CURRENT GRANT EXPIRES OCT 15.
- 2. GRANTEE HAS PERFORMED OUTSTANDINGLY DURING PAST ACADEMIC YEAR (CORRESPONDING TO FIRST 10 MONTH RENEWAL OF ORIGINAL SIX MONTH GRANT BEGUN JAN 75). POST HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM DIRECTOR OF TEACHING DOCUMENTATION AND TRAINING CENTER (CDPP), UNIVERSITY OF OUAGADOUGOU, REQUESTING SERVICES GRANTEE FOR ONE MORE ACADEMIC YEAR. MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION HAS APPROVED CDPP REQUEST.
- 3. THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES: ROARK GRANT'S INITIAL PURPOSE EVALUATION NATIONAL ENGLISH TEACHING PROGRAM IN UPPER VOLTA AND SETTING PRIORITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT WITH EMPHASIS ON TEACHER TRAINING AND PUHING FOR QUALIFIED VOLTAN ENGLISH TEACHER TO REPLACE HER AS HEAD OF ENGLISH SECTION OF CDPP. GRANTEE HAS MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON FIRST TWO OBJECTIVES, ORGANIZING ONE WEEK NATIONAL ENGLISH TEACHERS SEMINAR IN SEPT 75, WITH USIS OUAGA SUPPORT. UNCLASSIFIED

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SECOND SEMINAR PLANNED OCT 1976 WITH USIA ENGLISH TEACHER

ADVISOR. GRANTEE HAS ALSO MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS THIS PAST YEAR STANDARDIZING ENGLISH TEXT PURCHASING POLICY OF MINISTRY AND DEVELOPING LOCALLY PRODUCED MIMEO SUPPLEMENTARY CLASSROOM MATERIALS. GRANTEE ALSO HAS TAUGHT SUCCESSFUL METHODOLOGY CLASS AT UNIVERSITY.

- 4. NEED FOR FURTHER RENEWAL: PRIME LONG TERM AIM OF ROARK GRANTEE IDEALLY REPLACEMENT OF GRANTEE WITH VOLTAN AS DIRECTOR OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE SECTION OF CDPP WHO CAN PICK UP IMMEDIATELY WHERE GRANTEE LEAVES OFF. THIS PAST FEB, LARGELY DUE GRANTEES EFFORTS AND POLITIKING. MINISTRY DESIGNATED HIGHLY QUALIFIED VOLTAN ENGLISH SECONDARY SCHOOL (FORMER CU TEACHER DEVELOPMENT GRANTEE), TO ASSUME THIS TITLE PENDING RECEIPT OF FORMAL MASTERS DEGREE IN TOEFL. DIRECTOR DESIGNEE RECEIVING BRITISH COUNCIL SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIP TO OBTAIN MASTERS IN ENGLAND THIS COMING ACADEMIC YEAR, RETURNING JUNE 77, APPROX WILL ASSUME DIRECTION CDPP FALL 77. STUDIES IN ENGLAND WILL COMMENCE EITHER NEXT OCT 76 OR JAN 77. WILL WORK WITH GRANTEE AT CDPP EITHER IN FALL 76 OR JUNE 77 DEPENDING ON DATE DEPARTURE FOR ENGLAND. HAS WORKED FREQUENTLY WITH GRANTEE AT CDPP TO DATE IN DEVELOPING CLASSROOM MATERIALS AND PLANNING TOEFL SEMINARS IN ANY CASE. TO ASSURE CONTINUITY IN TEACHER TRAINING AND CLASSROOM MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS ALREADY FIRMLY UNDERWAY, AND TO ASSURE CONTINUED DIRECTION AND FUNCTIONING OF ENGLISH SECTION DURING ACADEMIC 76/77, POST STRONGLY REQUEST 8 MONTH RENEWAL OF PAULA ROARK GRANT FOR PERIOD OCT 15, 1976-JUNE 15,1977 AT PRESENT MONTHLY STIPEND.
- 5. IF SECOND RENEWAL APPROVED, ROARK WILL HAVE BEEN ON GRANT STATUS FOR TOTAL 24 MONTHS ONLY AS OF JUNE 15, 1977. WILL NOT EXCEED TWO YEAR PERIOD PERMITTED UNDER NORMAL CU PRACTICE OF RENEWING FULL 12 MONTH GRANTS ONLY ONCE.
- 6. RECOMMEND FOLLOWING FINANCIAL TERMS: STIPEND-SAME (920 DOLS/MO); BOOK AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS DOLS 200; INTER COUNTRY TRAVEL DOLS 500. TOTAL CHARGEABLE POST FY 77 ALLOTMENT DOLS 8,060.
- 7. PLS ADVISE VIA TELEGRAM IF RENEWAL APPROVED SO GRANTEE UNCLASSIFIED

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